

The Chamber

Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce

August 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-167

Dear Commissioners:

The Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce wants to extend our support for SBC to enter into the long distance business in Wisconsin.

Local telephone competition is good for the local businesses and consumers. SBC has proven themselves in the Chippewa Valley as a good telecommunications business and this expansion of their business would be better for everyone.

Allowing SBC into this long distance market should help keep prices competitive for local and long distance service.

Thank you for your consideration. Wisconsin looks forward to enjoying lower telephone bills, one stop shopping and more choices.

Sincerely yours,

Bob McCoy
President & CEO